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THANK YOU
to all the producers who
participated in our recent
surveys. The results you
requested are in this issue.

CATTLE PRICES UP FROM LAST YEAR

The **Index of Prices Received** by farmers and ranchers in **Wyoming** for agriculture commodities sold during August was 134 percent of the 1990-1992 base, according to Kim Faircloth with the Wyoming Field Office of USDA NASS. The index was up 1 point (1 percent) from July and up 7 points (6 percent) from August 2009. The seasonal changes in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affect the overall indexes.

The **All Livestock Index** for August was 137, up 4 points (3 percent) from last month and up 25 points (22 percent) from August 2009. August prices for cows and calves were down compared to last month while steer and heifer prices held steady. Compared to last year, all cattle prices were up. Cow prices averaged \$55.20 per hundredweight, down \$1.20 cents from August but up \$11.00 from last year. Steer and heifer prices, at \$108.00 per hundredweight, were unchanged from August but up \$15.00 from last year's price. Calf prices averaged \$119.00 per hundredweight, down \$10.00 from

last month but up \$10.00 from last year. Sheep prices came in at \$54.40 per hundredweight for the month of August. Lamb prices averaged \$124.00 per hundredweight for the month of August..

The **All Crops Index**, at 129, was down 4 points (3 percent) from July and down 31 points (19 percent) from last August. September alfalfa hay prices saw a small increase compared to last month while other hay prices fell slightly. All hay prices were down compared to last year. Alfalfa hay, up \$1.00 from last month but down \$20.00 from last year, came in at \$90.00 per ton. Other hay, at \$84.00 per ton, was down \$1.00 from last month and down \$13.00 from last year.

UNITED STATES: The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in September, at 150 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 5 points (3.4 percent) from August. The Crop Index is up 6 points (3.8 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 1 point (0.7 percent). Producers received higher prices for corn, wheat, broilers, and milk and lower prices for lettuce, eggs, soybeans, and strawberries. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of soybeans, corn, apples, and potatoes offset decreased marketings of cattle, wheat, broilers, and grapes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 24 points (19 percent) from September 2009. The Food Commodities Index, at 147, increased 1 point (0.7 percent) from last month and increased 22 points (18 percent) from September 2009.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS, SEPTEMBER 2009, AUGUST 2010, AND SEPTEMBER 15, 2010 U.S. PRICES AS PERCENT OF PARITY

COMMODITY	UNIT	WYOMING			UNITED STATES			
		SEP 2009	AUG 2010	SEP 15 2010	SEP 2009	AUG 2010	SEP 15 2010	% OF PARITY
		Dollars			Dollars			Percent
LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS								
Cows	100#	44.20	56.40	55.20	44.30	58.40	56.60	—
Steers & Heifers	100#	93.00	108.00	108.00	85.50	98.00	99.30	—
Calves	100#	109.00	129.00	119.00	105.00	121.00	120.00	34
Sheep	100#	28.30	54.40	3/	29.70	47.80	1/	—
Lambs	100#	101.00	124.00	3/	98.10	127.00	1/	—
CROPS								
Corn	Bu.	2/	2/	3/	3.25	3.65	4.34	48
Oats	Bu.	2/	2/	3/	1.82	2.09	2.16	36
Feed Barley	Bu.	2/	2/	2/	2.14	2.34	2.71	—
All Wheat	Bu.	2/	2/	3/	4.20	5.48	5.97	—
Dry Beans	100#	2/	2/	3/	30.40	29.40	24.10	34
Alfalfa Hay (Baled)	Ton	110.00	89.00	90.00	109.00	116.00	117.00	—
Other Hay (Baled)	Ton	97.00	85.00	84.00	97.10	96.10	95.20	—

1/Mid-month prices discontinued January 1996. 2/Insufficient sales. 3/Mid-month price discontinued July 2010. 4/Mid-month WY price index discontinued July 2010. NOTE: Entire month price is a revision of previous mid-month price except for hay which is always a mid-month price.

INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS & RANCHERS, WYOMING & U.S.

1990-92 = 100	WYOMING 4/			UNITED STATES		
	AUG 2009	JUL 2010	AUG 2010	SEP 2009	AUG 2010	SEP 15 2010
All Commodities	127	133	134	126	145	150
All Crops	160	133	129	142	156	162
All Livestock and Products	112	133	137	108	134	135

SMALL GRAIN PRODUCTION DECREASED FROM LAST YEAR

Final estimates of the season for small grain production in Wyoming indicate smaller crops in 2010 for all crops. Compared with last year, production of winter wheat as well as barley was down 7 percent, and oats were down 10 percent. Harvested acreage decreased from last year for barley and oats. Average yields were down for winter wheat and barley compared to last year.

Winter wheat production in 2010 is estimated at 4.64 million bushels, down 7 percent from 2009 but up 23 percent from 2008. The estimated yield of 32 bushels per acre is down 6 bushels from last year but up 4 bushels per acre from 2008. There were 145,000 acres harvested, up 13,000 acres from 2009 and up 10,000 acres from 2008.

Barley production during 2010 totaled 6.24 million bushels, down 7 percent from last year and down 10 percent from 2008. The harvested acreage decreased to 63,000 acres, down 1,000 acres from last year and down 12,000 acres from 2008. Yields averaged 99 bushels per harvested acre, down 6 bushels per acre from last year but up 7 bushels per acre from the 2008 yield.

Oats production is estimated at 549,000 bushels, down 10 percent from 2009, and down 8 percent from 2008. The average yield, at 61 bushels per acre, was unchanged from last year, but was 11 bushels above the 2008 crop. There were 34,000 acres of oats planted this year, down 6,000 acres from 2009 but up 4,000 acres from 2008. There were 9,000 acres harvested, down 1,000 acres from 2009, and down 3,000 acres from 2008.

UNITED STATES: All wheat production totaled 2.22 billion bushels in 2010, down 2 percent from the August forecast but up slightly from 2009. Grain area is 47.7 million acres, down 4 percent from last year. The United States yield is a record high 46.7 bushels per acre, 2.3 bushels higher than last year and 1.8 bushels higher than the previous record set in 2008. The levels of production and changes from last year by type are: winter wheat, 1.49 billion bushels, down 3 percent; other spring wheat, 627 million bushels, up 7 percent; Durum wheat, 111 million bushels, up 2 percent.

Oat production is estimated at a record low 81.9 million bushels, 6 percent below the August forecast and down 12 percent from last year. Yield is estimated at 64.6 bushels per acre, down 1.7 bushels from the last forecast and down 2.9 bushels from the previous year. Compared with last year, yields decreased or stayed the same for most States, with the exception of Michigan, Texas, and several States in the Northwest. Harvested area, at 1.27 million acres, is 4 percent below August and 8 percent below last year. This is the smallest acreage harvested for grain on record, continuing a steady downward trend.

Barley production is estimated at 182 million bushels, down 1 percent from the August 1 forecast and 20 percent below 2009. Average yield per acre, at 73.6 bushels, is up 1.3 bushels from August and 0.6 bushel from last year and is the highest yield on record since estimates began in 1866. Producers seeded 2.87 million acres in 2010, down 19 percent from last year. This is the lowest planted acreage on record. Harvested area, at 2.47 million acres, is down 3 percent from the August 1 forecast and down 21 percent from 2009, and the lowest level since 1882.

ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION 2009; FINAL SMALL GRAINS AND OCTOBER 1 HAY AND ROW CROP FORECASTS, 2010

Crop	Planted		Harvested		Yield per Harvested Acre		Production		
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010 1/	2009	2010	10/09
	1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres				1,000		Percent
WYOMING									
Oats (bu)	40	34	10	9	61.0	61.0	610	549	90
Winter Wheat (bu)	155	165	132	145	38.0	32.0	5,016	4,640	93
Barley (bu)	80	75	64	63	105.0	99.0	6,720	6,237	93
Sugarbeets (tons)	32.4	30.5	25.6	30.3	26.5	27.0	678	818	121
Dry Beans (cwt)	37.5	49.0	34.0	47.5	20.0	21.0	680	998	147
Alfalfa Hay (tons)	—	—	690	670	2.50	2.40	1,725	1,608	93
Other Hay (tons)	—	—	580	560	1.40	1.60	812	896	110
All Hay (tons)	—	—	1,270	1,230	1.99	2.04	2,537	2,504	99
UNITED STATES									
Corn-Grain (bu) 2/	86,482	88,222	79,590	81,263	164.7	155.8	13,110,062	12,663,949	97
Winter Wheat (bu)	43,346	37,335	34,510	31,749	44.2	46.8	1,524,608	1,485,236	97
All Wheat (bu)	59,168	53,603	49,893	47,657	44.5	46.7	2,218,061	2,223,523	100
Oats (bu)	3,404	3,138	1,379	1,268	67.5	64.6	93,081	81,855	88
Barley (bu)	3,567	2,872	3,113	2,471	73.0	73.6	227,323	181,884	80
Sugarbeets (tons)	1,185.8	1,186.5	1,148.6	1,124.5	25.7	29.6	29,563	33,256	112
Dry Beans (cwt)	1,537.5	1,900.0	1,463.0	1,829.3	17.3	17.8	25,360	32,615	129
Alfalfa Hay (tons)	—	—	21,227	20,732	3.35	3.44	71,030	71,326	100
Other Hay (tons)	—	—	38,528	38,924	1.98	2.08	76,412	80,952	106
All Hay (tons)	—	—	59,755	59,656	2.47	2.55	147,442	152,278	103

1/Yield for oats, winter wheat, all wheat and barley are final for 2010. All other yields are forecast yields as of October 1, 2010.

2/Corn planted for all purposes, harvested for grain.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 3 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.8 million head on October 1, 2010. The inventory was 3 percent above October 1, 2009. The inventory included 6.60 million steers and steer calves, up 3 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.12 million head, also up 3 percent from 2009.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.46 million, 3 percent above 2009. Net placements were 2.41 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 510,000, 600-699 pounds were 455,000, 700-799 pounds were 602,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 895,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.80 million, 2 percent above 2009.

Other disappearance totaled 54,000 during September, 15 percent above 2009.

CATTLE ON FEED: 1000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES, OCTOBER, 2009-2010 1/

State	On Feed Sep 1, 2010	Place- ments Sep 2010	Market- ings Sep 2010	Other Disapp. Sep 2010	On Feed Oct 1, 2010	On Feed Oct 1, 2009
Thousand Head						
CO	890	295	180	5	1,000	960
KS	2,200	510	370	10	2,330	2,220
NE	2,050	540	360	10	2,220	2,170
TX	2,550	580	475	15	2,640	2,600
Oth Sts.	2,483	537	417	14	2,589	2,524
U.S.	10,173	2,462	1,802	54	10,779	10,474

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

WYOMING COMMERCIAL HOG PRODUCTION UP 800 HEAD FROM JULY

Commercial red meat production in *Wyoming* during August 2010 totaled 800,000 pounds. This was 94 percent of August 2009 and 300,000 pounds higher than last month's production. Commercial red meat production includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton but excludes animals slaughtered on farm.

Eight hundred **cattle** were slaughtered in Wyoming during August, equal to the number slaughtered a year ago and two hundred more head than last month. Total live weight was 962,000 pounds, down 7 percent from the previous August. Average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,207 pounds, down 19 pounds from August 2009.

A total of 1,100 **commercial hogs** were processed, equal to the number of head compared to August of last year and 800 head more than last month. Total live weight, at 279,000 pounds, was down 5 percent from August 2009. Average live weight of hogs slaughtered was 260 pounds, down 2 pounds from the previous year.

Three hundred **sheep and lambs** were processed in August, down 100 head the same time last year but up 200 head from last month. Total live weight came in at 48,000 pounds, down 4,000 pounds from a year ago. The average live weight, at 144 pounds, was up 10 pounds from the same month in 2009.

UNITED STATES: Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.13 billion pounds in August, up 1 percent from the 4.08 billion pounds produced in August 2009.

Beef production, at 2.29 billion pounds, was 5 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.96 million head, up 6 percent from August 2009. The average live weight was down 16 pounds from the previous year, at 1,277 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.82 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.11 million head, down 2 percent from August 2009. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 267 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.8 million pounds, was down 4 percent from August 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 204,000 head, slightly above last year. The average live weight was 126 pounds, down 5 pounds from August a year ago.

January to August 2010 commercial red meat production was 31.9 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down 1 percent, pork was down 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER AUGUST 2009 AND 2010, WYOMING and U.S.

SPECIES	WYOMING					UNITED STATES				
	Number of Head		Total Live Weight			Number of Head		Total Live Weight		
	August 2009	August 2010	August 2009	August 2010	10/09	August 2009	August 2010	August 2009	August 2010	10/09
			1,000 Pounds		Percent			1,000 Pounds		Percent
Cattle	800	800	1,031	962	93.3	2,781,900	2,955,900	3,587,063	3,763,591	104.9
Hogs	1,100	1,100	292	279	95.5	9,340,000	9,113,200	2,500,176	2,427,975	97.1
Sheep & Lambs	400	300	52	48	92.3	203,400	204,000	26,720	25,602	95.8

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WYOMING MILK COWS UNCHANGED FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER

The number of milk cows in **Wyoming** during July-September 2010 averaged 6,000 head. The number was unchanged from the previous quarter but was up by 1,000 from the same quarter last year. Milk production during the third quarter of 2010 was 31.4 million pounds, up 1.9 million pounds from the previous quarter and up 7.2 million from the same quarter last year.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the U.S. during the July-September quarter totaled 48.1 billion pounds, up 2.7 percent from the July - September quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.12 million head, 32,000 head less than the same period last year.

MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION, SELECTED STATES AND U.S., JULY - SEPT, 2009 AND 2010

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Production 2/		10/09
	2009	2010	2009	2010	
	1,000 Head		Million Pounds		Percent
WY	5.0	6.0	24.2	31.4	130
CA	1,780	1,747	9,561	10,098	106
CO	121	120	704	724	103
ID	548	570	3,135	3,371	108
MT	15	14	75	72	96
NE	61	58	302	290	96
SD	95	91	481	473	98
UT	83	85	451	463	103
WI	1,257	1,263	6,476	6,538	101
US	9,155	9,123	46,793	48,071	103

1/Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/Excludes milk sucked by calves.